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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. Please cancel claims 9-12 and 36-39 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please add new claims 56-63.

1. (Currently Amended) An information terminal having a function of making a call, comprising:

(a) a communicator making communication with a calling or called party;
(b) a memory storing at least one exception code; and
(c) a main control unit, said main control unit (e1) determining an item to be monitored, (e2) judging whether said item meets with a predetermined condition for prohibiting making a call, (e3) judging whether a code of a calling or called party is coincident with said exception code, and (e4) prohibiting making a call, if said predetermined condition is satisfied, and if said code of a calling or called party is not coincident with said exception code.

2. (Original) The information terminal as set forth in claim 1, wherein said main control unit allows a desired exception code to be stored in said memory.

3. (Currently Amended) The information terminal as set forth in claim 1, wherein said main control unit judges whether a clear condition is satisfied or not, and resets said item, if said clear condition is satisfied.

4. (Original) The information terminal as set forth in claim 3, further

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comprising a controller for designating said clear condition.

5. (Currently Amended) The information terminal as set forth in claim 1, wherein said main control unit determines a fee index corresponding to a communication fee, as said item, judges whether said fee index is ever greater than a predetermined upper limit of a fee index, and judges that said predetermined condition for prohibiting making a call is satisfied, if said fee index is ever greater than said predetermined upper limit of a fee index.

6. (Original) The information terminal as set forth in claim 5, wherein said main control unit calculates said fee index, based on an index signal transmitted during communication.

7. (Currently Amended) The information terminal as set forth in claim 3, wherein said clear condition is that comprises the present date reaches reaching a predetermined date.

8. (Currently Amended) The information terminal as set forth in claim 3, wherein said clear condition is that comprises a predetermined data is being transmitted during communication.

Claims 9-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) An information terminal having a function of making a

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call, said information terminal prohibiting making a call when a total communication fee is ever greater than a threshold upper limit, but allowing making a call to a party or parties having been set in advance as an exception or exceptions even when a total communication fee is ever greater than a threshold upper limit.

14. (Original) The information terminal as set forth in claim 13, wherein said total communication fee is automatically reset when a predetermined clear condition is satisfied.

15. (Currently Amended) The information terminal as set forth in claim 14, wherein said predetermined clear condition is that comprises the present date reaches reaching a predetermined date.

16. (Currently Amended) The information terminal as set forth in claim 14, wherein said predetermined clear condition is that comprises said information terminal receives receiving predetermined data during communication.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of making communication by means of an information terminal having a function of making a call, comprising:

- (a)setting at least one exception code;
- (b)determining an item to be monitored;
- (c)using the information terminal to judge whether said item meets with a predetermined condition for prohibiting making a call;

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(d) using the information terminal to judge whether a code of a calling or called party is coincident with said exception code; and

(e) using the information terminal to prohibit making a call from the information terminal, if said predetermined condition is satisfied, and if said code of a calling or called party is not coincident with said exception code.

18. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in claim 17, further comprising:

(f) judging whether a clear condition is satisfied or not; and

(g) resetting said item, if said clear condition is satisfied.

19. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 17, further comprising determining a fee index corresponding to a communication fee, as said item.

20. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in claim 19, further comprising:

(h) judging whether said fee index is ever greater than a predetermined upper limit of a fee index; and

(i) carrying out submethod (e) said using the information terminal to judge whether said item meets with a predetermined condition for prohibiting making a call, if said fee index is ever greater than said predetermined upper limit of a fee index.

21. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 19, further comprising calculating said fee index, based on an index signal transmitted during communication.

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22. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in claim 18, wherein said clear condition is that comprises the present date reaches reaching a predetermined date.

23. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in claim 18, wherein said clear condition is that comprises a predetermined data is being transmitted during communication.

24. (Currently Amended) A method of making communication by ~~means of~~ an information terminal having a function of making a call, comprising:

(a) using the information terminal to judge whether a total communication fee is ever greater than a threshold upper limit; and

(b) using the information terminal to prohibit making a call from the information terminal when said total communication fee is ever greater than said threshold upper limit, and allow making a call to a party or parties having been set in advance as an exception or exceptions even when said total communication fee is ever greater than said threshold upper limit.

25. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in claim 24, further comprising:

(c) resetting said total communication fee when a predetermined clear condition is satisfied.

26. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in claim 25, wherein said predetermined clear condition is that comprises the present date reaches reaching a

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predetermined date.

27. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in claim 25, wherein said predetermined condition is that comprises said information terminal receives receiving predetermined data during communication.

28. (Currently Amended) A storage medium readable by a computer, the storage medium storing a program therein for causing a computer to act as an information terminal having a function of making a call, said information terminal comprising:

(a) a communicator making communication with a calling or called party;
(b) a memory storing at least one exception code; and
(c) a main control unit, said main control unit (e1)determining an item to be monitored, (e2)judging whether said item meets with a predetermined condition for prohibiting making a call, (e3)judging whether a code of a calling or called party is coincident with said exception code, and (e4)prohibiting making a call, if said predetermined condition is satisfied, and if said code of a calling or called party is not coincident with said exception code.

29. (Original) The storage medium as set forth in claim 28, wherein said main control unit allows a desired exception code to be stored in said memory.

30. (Original) The storage medium as set forth in claim 28, wherein said main control unit judges whether a clear condition is satisfied or not, and reset said item, if said

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clear condition is satisfied.

31. (Original) The storage medium as set forth in claim 30, further comprising a controller for designating said clear condition.

32. (Currently Amended) The storage medium as set forth in claim 28, wherein said main control unit determines a fee index corresponding to a communication fee, as said item, judges whether said fee index is ever greater than a predetermined upper limit of a fee index, and judges that said predetermined condition for prohibiting making a call is satisfied, if said fee index is ever greater than said predetermined upper limit of a fee index.

33. (Original) The storage medium as set forth in claim 32, wherein said main control unit calculates said fee index, based on an index signal transmitted during communication.

34. (Currently Amended) The storage medium as set forth in claim 30, wherein said clear condition is that comprises the present date reaches reaching a predetermined date.

35. (Currently Amended) The storage medium as set forth in claim 30, wherein said clear condition is that comprises a predetermined data is being transmitted during communication.

Claims 36-39. (Canceled)

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40. (Currently Amended) A storage medium readable by a computer, the storage medium storing a program therein for causing a computer to act as an information terminal having a function of making a call, said information terminal prohibiting making a call when a total communication fee is ever greater than a threshold upper limit, ~~but and~~ allowing making a call to a party or parties having been set in advance as an exception or exceptions even when a total communication fee is ever greater than a threshold upper limit.

41. (Original) The storage medium as set forth in claim 40, wherein said total communication fee is automatically reset when a predetermined clear condition is satisfied.

42. (Currently Amended) The storage medium as set forth in claim 41, wherein said predetermined clear condition is ~~that comprises~~ the present date ~~reaches~~ reaching a predetermined date.

43. (Currently Amended) The storage medium as set forth in claim 41, wherein said predetermined clear condition is ~~that comprises~~ said information terminal ~~receives~~ receiving predetermined data during communication.

44. (Currently Amended) A storage medium readable by a computer, the storage medium storing a program therein for causing a computer to carry out a method of making communication by ~~means of~~ an information terminal having a function of making a call, said method comprising:

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(a)setting at least one exception code;
(b)determining an item to be monitored;
(c)judging whether said item meets with a predetermined condition for prohibiting making a call;
(d)judging whether a code of a calling or called party is coincident with said exception code; and
(e)prohibiting making a call, if said predetermined condition is satisfied, and if said code of a calling or called party is not coincident with said exception code.

45. (Currently Amended) The storage medium as set forth in claim 44, wherein said method further includes:

(f)judging whether a clear condition is satisfied or not; and
(g)resetting said item, if said clear condition is satisfied.

46. (Previously Presented) The storage medium as set forth in claim 17, wherein said method further includes determining a fee index corresponding to a communication fee, as said item.

47. (Currently Amended) The storage medium as set forth in claim 45, wherein said method further includes:

(h)judging whether said fee index is ever greater than a predetermined upper limit of a fee index; and
(i)carrying out submethod (e) said judging whether said item meets with a

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predetermined condition for prohibiting making a call, if said fee index is ever greater than
said predetermined upper limit of a fee index.

48. (Previously Presented) The storage medium as set forth in claim 45, wherein said method further includes calculating said fee index, based on an index signal transmitted during communication.

49. (Currently Amended) The storage medium as set forth in claim 45, wherein said clear condition is that comprises the present date reaches reaching a predetermined date.

50. (Currently Amended) The storage medium as set forth in claim 45, wherein said clear condition is that comprises a predetermined data is being transmitted during communication.

51. (Currently Amended) A storage medium readable by a computer, the storage medium storing a program therein for causing a computer to carry out a method of making communication by means of an information terminal having a function of making a call, said method comprising:

(a)judging whether a total communication fee is ever greater than a threshold upper limit; and

(b)prohibiting making a call when said total communication fee is ever greater than said threshold upper limit, and allowing making a call to a party or parties having been set in advance as an exception or exceptions even when said total communication fee is ever greater

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than said threshold upper limit.

52. (Previously Presented) The storage medium as set forth in claim 51, wherein said method further includes resetting said total communication fee when a predetermined clear condition is satisfied.

53. (Currently Amended) The storage medium as set forth in claim 52, wherein said predetermined clear condition is that comprising the present date reaches reaching a predetermined date.

54. (Currently Amended) The storage medium as set forth in claim 52, wherein said predetermined condition is that comprises said information terminal receives receiving predetermined data during communication.

55. (Previously Presented) The information terminal of claim 1, wherein the information terminal comprises a mobile communication device.

56. (New) The information terminal of claim 13, wherein the information terminal comprises a mobile communication device.

57. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the information terminal comprises a mobile communication device.

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58. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein the information terminal comprises a mobile communication device.

59. (New) The storage medium of claim 28, wherein the information terminal comprises a mobile communication device.

60. (New) The storage medium of claim 40, wherein the information terminal comprises a mobile communication device.

61. (New) The storage medium of claim 44, wherein the information terminal comprises a mobile communication device.

62. (New) The storage medium of claim 51, wherein the information terminal comprises a mobile communication device.

63. (New) The information terminal of claim 1, wherein said main control unit receives rate data from a base station to determine a communication fee.